

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 5, 2008

TO: All Members of the Delaware State Senate  
and House of Representatives

FROM: Ms. Daniese McMullin-Powell  
Chairperson  
State Council for Persons with Disabilities

RE: S.B. 235 [Cancer Incidence Rates]

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) has reviewed S.B. 235 which would make cancer incidence rates available to health professionals and to the public. SCPD endorses the concept of the proposed legislation. Consistent with the preamble, the State of Delaware has one of the highest rates of cancer incidence and mortality in the United States. Identification of clusters of certain types of cancers in specific locations can help public health agencies develop intervention strategies leading to early detection of cancer. In addition, providing such data to medical researchers outside state government may assist in the process of both identifying cancer clusters and developing intervention strategies.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact SCPD if you have any questions regarding our position on the proposed legislation.

cc: The Honorable Ruth Ann Minner  
Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens  
Developmental Disabilities Council

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